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Applicants : David Stern, et al.
U.S. Serial No.: 08/905,709 Examiner: Ruixiang Li
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For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (sRAGE) SOLUBLE
RECEPTOR FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request an additional four-month extension of time for filing a brief on appeal for the above-identified application. A brief on appeal was originally due July 17, 2004, based on the May 17, 2004 receipt by the United States Patent and Trademark Office of applicants' Notice of Appeal mailed May 12, 2004. Applicants previously filed on August 17, 2004, a Supplemental Communication Regarding Examiner's Interview And Petition For A One-Month Extension Of Time. Applicants hereby request an additional four-month extension of time from August 17, 2004 to December 17, 2004 for filing a brief on appeal for the above-identified application. The fee for an additional extension of time is \$1025.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.

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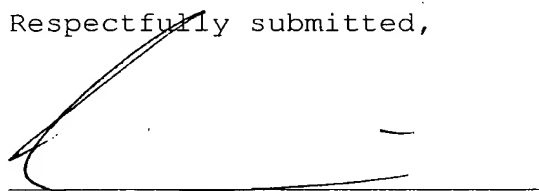
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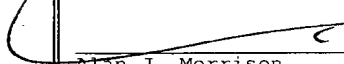
No fee, other than the enclosed \$1025.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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